

Claim Amendments

1 (currently amended) A cage for tapered ball bearings comprising: a cage having ball pockets which are adjacent to one another on the circumferential side about a rotational axis of the cage, wherein:

- the ball pockets are delimited on the circumferential side by webs,
- the cage has retaining lugs which are elastically resilient ~~in a sprung manner~~ for axially securing the cage in an annular groove of an inner ring, each of the retaining lugs protruding from one of the side walls,
- circumferentially spaced apart flanks on the retaining lugs extend in an inclined manner with respect to one another, and wherein the circumferential spacing between the flanks, which face one another across a circumferential gap between adjacent retaining lugs, increases in the direction of the rotational axis.

2. (previously presented) The cage of claim 1, wherein the flanks which face one another on the circumferential side are inclined with respect to an imaginary plane which emanates from the rotational axis and is aligned with the rotational axis.

3. (previously presented) The cage of claim 1, wherein the flanks are flat surfaces which face the circumferential gap, the surfaces being inclined at an angle of 30° with respect to an imaginary plane which emanates from the rotational axis and is aligned with the rotational axis.

4. (Canceled)

5. (previously presented) The cage of claim 1, wherein the ball pockets are delimited in at least one axial direction of the cage in each case by a side wall having an approximately uniform wall thickness.

6. (previously presented) The cage of claim 5, wherein the side walls are arched, starting from the webs, at least in the axial direction and gaps are therefore formed between the side walls which protrude beyond the web and are adjacent on the circumferential side.

7. (previously presented) The cage of claim 6, wherein the retaining lugs protrude in the axial direction at most to the extent that the side walls protrude at most in the axial direction starting from the web.

8. (previously presented) The cage of claim 6, further comprising grooves, the wall thickness of the side walls being reduced by in each case one of the grooves and each of the grooves being delimited in the direction of the rotational axis by one of the retaining lugs and, on the side of the ball pockets, by one of the side walls.

9. (previously presented) The cage of claim 8, wherein the groove, as viewed in a longitudinal section along the rotational axis of the cage, is described by a radius.

10. (currently amended) ~~The cage of claim 6,~~

A cage for tapered ball bearings comprising: a cage having ball pockets which are adjacent to one another on the circumferential side about a rotational axis of the cage, wherein:

- the ball pockets are delimited on the circumferential side by webs,
- the ball pockets are delimited in at least one axial direction of the cage in each case by a side wall having an approximately uniform wall thickness, wherein the side walls are arched, starting from the webs, at least in the axial direction and gaps are therefore formed between the side walls which protrude beyond the web and are adjacent on the circumferential side,
- the cage has retaining lugs which are elastically resilient for axially securing the cage in an annular groove of an inner ring, each of the retaining lugs protruding from one of the side walls,
- circumferential flanks on the retaining lugs extend in an inclined manner with respect to one another, and

further comprising ribs in the circumferential direction between two side walls, each of the ribs emanating in the axial direction from in each case one of the webs and connecting in each case two of the side walls to one another on the circumferential side.

11. (previously presented) The cage of claim 10, wherein each of the grooves is delimited radially to the outside proportionately by one of the side

walls and by two of the ribs which are separated from one another in the circumferential direction by means of one of the side walls.

12. (previously presented) The cage of claim 10, wherein the grooves are delimited partially in pairs, radially to the outside, jointly by at least one of the ribs.

13. (previously presented) The cage of claim 10, wherein each of the circumferential gaps is delimited partially radially to the outside by one of the webs and by one of the ribs.

14. (previously presented) The cage of claim 1, further comprising a side rim which runs on the circumferential side, the side rim delimiting the ball pockets in the opposite direction to the axial direction.

15. (currently amended) The cage of claim 14, wherein the smallest radial spacing of the side rim from the rotational axis of the cage is greater than the greatest radial spacing of the side walls from the rotational axis (2).